The Commission on Sustainable Development
Potential Outcomes from Future CSD Processes

The Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, adopted at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), calls for several changes aimed at focusing the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) on specific actions that promote sustainable development. As we consider the format of future CSD sessions, we believe it is important to contemplate what the potential outcomes of these sessions will be. Below is a menu of potential "outcomes" we hope will emerge from future CSD meetings. These outcomes may occur in both "negotiating" years and "non-negotiating" years.

OVERARCHING OBJECTIVE: Implementation of Sustainable Development: The JPOI states that "the Commission should give more emphasis on actions that enable implementation at all levels." A successfully retooled CSD will foster significant progress towards our sustainable development objectives.

A successful CSD should lead to:	This might include some of these specific outcomes:

A. Increased capacity for implementation	➢ **At the sessions**
	    - Expert-to-expert training for policymakers and practitioners
	    - Capacity building on how to build/maintain/manage partnerships and initiatives
	    - Exhibitions of partnership & initiative activities
	 ➢ **After/between sessions**
	    - An expanded network of practitioners and policymakers
	    - Strengthened capacity for education, science, and technology
	    - Website and reports with case studies, lessons learned, best practices, policy analyses
	    - "Virtual University" with continuing learning opportunities

B. Enhanced and additional partnerships and initiatives	➢ Matchmaking resource for prospective partners ➢ Training on partnership processes ➢ Networks of practitioners/experts ➢ Links to UN bodies engaged on sustainable development ➢ New tools that promote partnerships (e.g. availability of videoconferencing, etc.)
C. Increased stakeholder participation/integration	➢ Enhanced networks of government, civil society, and private industry stakeholders and intra-network communications ➢ Stronger, more dynamic information exchanges
D. Mobilizing resources for sustainable development	➢ Financing for sustainable development ➢ Better utilization of human resources ➢ Increased technical capacity ➢ New partnerships ➢ Creating an enabling environment for development
E. Enhanced donor coordination/ complementarity	➢ Exchange of information among donors and with other UN bodies engaged on sustainable development ➢ Presentations of national & regional reports as means to identify possible new partnerships & initiatives

F. Policy guidance	➢ CSD policy guidance arising from:
	    - Lessons learned, best practices
	    - Identification of gaps in implementation
	    - Assessment of barriers to implementation
	    - Inter-governmental processes/negotiations
	    - Identification of next steps to overcome gaps and barriers

G. A rich source of information on implementation	➢ **Synthesis Reports** on any of the following:
	    - Case studies - Lessons learned, best practices
	    - Gap analysis - Sustainable development indicators
	    - CSD Dialogues - Scientific analysis
	    - Self-reports from partnerships and initiatives
	 ➢ **Website as "living resource"** with databases of the above, plus:
	    - Expert papers on specific themes
	    - Videos of multi-stakeholder roundtables
	    - Syntheses of partnership report-outs
	    - Interviews with key players